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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC to Establish a New Cost Recovery and Incentive Mechanism for Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Programs

Docket No. 2015-163-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed, and does not oppose, the notification and accompanying information submitted by Duke Energy Progress, LLC on December 6, 2017, ("DEP" or the "Company") in the above referenced Docket. The notification informs the Commission of the impact of DEP's heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) tune-up measure in the Small Business Energy Saver (SBES) program, which DEP began offering on December 1, 2017.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in this matter.

Sincerely,

Andrew M. Bateman

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